

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 5, 2019

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Brad Berkemeier, Gary Cameron, and Megan Bradley, Student Advisor answered roll call. Councilman Smith was not present.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Pavey said we are applying for a grant called Next Level Trails. Our application is due by February 15. There is a limited amount of funding. We are applying for trails for CJD Park, Morgan Street Corridor, and Riverside Park.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker reported that Jordan Hoeing will be taking the position of investigator.

Animal – Cottrell is working on revising the ordinances. The shelter has been under quarantine due to an outbreak of parvo.

Park – Director Burklow said they are taking applications for the pool. They will be taking applications in March for the summer mowing crew. They are working on a 3 phase outline for the Carol Jenkins Davis Park.

Fire – The Board of Works hired Ryan Marcoux as a paramedic.

Chief Jenkins passed out a letter he received regarding a new program from the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) which is called the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule

(BCEGS). The program evaluates the community's building code enforcement. The program will show us where we can improve.

Brian Sheehan's Quarterly Project Report:

1. We continue communication through social media. We are looking to do something with Rush TV in the future.
2. The concert series is being promoted through Facebook, Instagram, the RMH sign, and the Chamber sign.
3. Retail Attraction – Sheehan provided a list of those that we have reached out to. We will be having a meeting next week for an update. On February 7 we will meet with Mike Higby who is knowledgeable with OZ and NMTC.
4. Stellar – We are getting estimates for the Overlook project (Taff Building). We have had a couple of people show interest in this project. We are working with Advance Auto on a possible property purchase.
5. Downtown Revitalization – A 35% rebate is given on what is spent. The Newhouse project is moving along. There are still funds available.
6. Owner Occupied – 11 homes are complete. 2 are under construction. The close out is scheduled for the end of February.
7. Riverside Gateway – We are waiting for the project to be confirmed before we can move forward.
8. Main Street Streetscape – New lights have been installed; most of the pavers have been replaced; the clock has been installed. Work on the mid-block crossing has begun. Completion should be in mid-March.
9. Flatrock Run Trail and Morgan Street Corridor are progressing slowly. We expect to bid both projects sometime in December.
10. City Center Patronicity – We raised \$70,000.00 in 30 days. Wolfe Theater is open and they are pleased with their success.
11. The move to City Center began December 21st and the final move was accomplished on January 17th with the City Utilities moving in.
12. Housing – We continue to work with Joe Peacock. They hope to begin building this spring. We will meet later this week.
13. Mayor Pavey will help to lobby for the TIF Housing bill.
14. Animal Shelter – We are wrapping up the design phase.
15. CJD Park– We continue to work on the 3 phases.
16. Youth Engagement – Other communities are taking note of what we are doing with our youth engagement. We continue to have more youth involved with community service.
17. Downtown Buildings – Several of the recently vacated buildings have been purchased.
18. Art Projects – We are moving forward with our art projects. We have the OCRA quip grant that is near completion in the amount of \$5,000.00. The Park Department purchased an entertainment trailer.
19. Sheehan recently was asked to be a speaker alongside the communities of Lafayette and Bloomington for “Creating Vibrant Communities”.
20. Willie the Whale has been sold and is at its new location in Kokomo.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Brad Hatfield voiced his concern regarding the property North behind Speedway and Dairy Queen. He said semi traffic is tearing up the road. He said the roads are not big enough for semis and it is a safety hazard for everyone. He asked that the City look into trying to slow the traffic coming out of Speedway. He stated that it is not just delivery trucks, also semi drivers coming in to make purchases. They are blocking the road while they go into places to make purchases. Mayor Pavey said he will pass this concern on to the traffic committee for their review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Animal Control Ordinances** – Mayor Pavey said they are working on looking into a self-funding piece for adoptions. They will need to prepare a self-funding resolution. They are looking at the following time line:
 - a. March 5 Rough Draft
 - b. April 2 Final Draft
 - c. Review and adoption late April or early May depending on public hearings, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Emerson Tax Abatement** – Earl Jacobs asked Council for approval of SB1's for Emerson. Bridges moved to approve the SB1's for Emerson as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **City Center Project Wrap-up** - We are looking at numbers to complete the Council Chambers and the Ivy Tech projects. This will be presented to Council for approval.
3. **Jim Wilson Time/Date Extension** – At a prior meeting Council allowed Jim Wilson 90 days to complete the project and he is now asking for an additional 90 days due to weather. Cameron made a motion to approve 180 days for Wilson to complete the project. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Resolution 2019-4 - 911 Funds** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-4. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Additional Encumbrance Zoning and Planning** – Bridges moved to approve \$600.00 to be encumbered from the Zoning and Planning budget for attorney fees. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried. The invoice was sent to junk mail and was not available for the last meeting.
6. **MVH Crew Leader** – Copley explained that Street Commissioner Miller had put a line item in his budget for a crew leader, but did not realize at the time that this was a new line item and she did not put it in the salary ordinance. When the first pay came this year Miller asked why this was not on the employee's pay check. Bridges said we need to have a job description and it needs to be job specific. Bridges made a motion to table until a job description is provided and approved. Miller said they need someone to be in charge when he and Mike Land are both gone. He said he is preparing a job

description. He said the position will be reviewed on an annual basis. Bridges asked if the position was advertised for all to apply. Miller said it was not that the choice had already been made. Bridges said the employee also needs to review and sign an acknowledgement of the job description. We need to follow guidelines of DOL. Cameron seconded Bridges' motion to table. Motion carried.

7. **Fire/Rescue Transfer Truck** – Chief Jenkins explained to Council that the transfer truck has not done well. In 101 days they have only done 7 transfers and only 4 of them were in Rush County the other 3 were from outside the county. The Board of Works recommended to Council to continue through February and if no substantial changes occurred that we will discontinue transfers. Berkemeier said this it is not in the City's best interest to continue with the transfers. Cameron made a motion to extend the transfers until the end of February and to revisit at that time for significant improvement. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UPCOMING BUSINESS:

1. **Utility Packet** - Strand is working on this.
2. **Campaign Quarters and Windsor Abatement Program** – Berkemeier is working on the numbers.
3. **John McCane** – McCane invited everyone to the Training Center open house this Thursday at 4:00 p.m. He said tomorrow they will have the first training session in the new facility. Thursday at 5:30 there will also be an Economic Development town hall meeting.

McCane informed Council that Project Scorpion has chosen to go to Muncie, but Rushville was their second choice. We were told that our presentation was very good.

The ECDC office has hired Catherine Good. She is adapting very quickly.

CLAIMS AND DECEMBER 2018 BANK RECONCILEMENT – Bridges moved to approve the claims and December 2018 bank reconciliation as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council Berkemeier moved to adjourn Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.